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1. On 24 April 1954, about 40 vehicles, including trucks [redacted] and 6 to 8 armored scout cars were observed in the garages of the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt (Federal Educational Establishment) in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37). The installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Five trucks, 2 ambulances [redacted] and 2 jeeps [redacted] were parked in the open. Two lieutenant colonels and six majors with red-bordered black epaulets, a major with black-bordered black epaulets, and other officers and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, entered the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt, while a lieutenant colonel with black-bordered black epaulets, and four majors with red-bordered black epaulets went to the building opposite the installation. Vehicle traffic at the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt included trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. 1
2. On 24 April, only soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the castle in Tribuswinkel (O 49/X 36). Two trucks were parked in the area of the installation. A small building located in open terrain about 250 meters east of the castle was guarded by a sentry.
3. On 23 April, 2 weapon carriers and 24 trucks were counted at the cantonment east (No 1) of Kaisersteinbruch (P 48/X 67). About six additional trucks were parked at the same installation which was guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. Compared with the previous maximum figure, the present number was short of about 30 vehicles. It also appeared that the number of troops decreased. A lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, three majors with red-bordered black epaulets, two majors with black-bordered black epaulets; and sedan [redacted] and trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; and truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets were observed at the installation. The movable air target installation was still there. Observations made east of the cantonment included 8 to 12 field howitzers, and 24 to 30 trucks standing on the hill, and about 50 EM practicing with 4 to 6 mortars east of the hill.

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A lieutenant colonel with black-bordered red epaulets, and a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entered the cantonment west (No 2) of Kaisersteinbruch. Except for a sentry, no other soldiers were observed at the installation. 2

4. On 21 April, eight railroad cars loaded with armored scout cars [redacted] an undetermined number of trucks [redacted] field kitchens and billeting equipment were standing on the main-track of the Vienna-Stadlau railroad station. At the loading ramp, additional 8 to 10 railroad cars were loaded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. 3

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1. [redacted] Comment. The 45th Gds Mech Regt of the 13th Gds Mech Div is stationed in Traiskirchen [redacted]
2. [redacted] Comment. The decrease in the number of parked vehicles and troops at the cantonment east (No 1) of Kaisersteinbruch indicates that contingents of the troops of the 13th Gds Mech Div stationed in Kaisersteinbruch left for firing practice with live ammunition or moved to the summer camp at the troop training grounds. Elements of the 2500th AAA Regt which is believed to be stationed in Kaisersteinbruch probably transferred to Epstlon for firing practice with live ammunition. The field howitzers observed confirm the 32nd Gds How Arty Regt up to the last third of April 1954. As soldiers practicing with mortars were again observed at Kaisersteinbruch, it is assumed that the 654th Gds Mort Regt (US) is possibly stationed at Kaisersteinbruch rather than Goetzendorf, as assumed previously. Truck [redacted] and sedan [redacted] belonged to the Central Group of Forces; trucks [redacted] to the 13th Gds Mech Div.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Vienna-Stadlau is used as entraining station by the 106th Gds Hv Tank S1 Regt from Vienna - Kagran. Elements of this unit probably departed to the Doellersheim troop training grounds for firing practice with live ammunition, or moved to the summer camp. [redacted]

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